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1. The mined, barbed wire fence, which is used to secure the port during the hours between 10:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M., is removed and placed inside the restricted area during the night (daylight?) hours. 25X1
2. The depth of the water along the northern pier is approximately seven fathoms, allowing ships of 12 to 15 tons to dock here. The height of the pier is two meters above water level.
3. The transfer of cargo from the docks to the warehouse is accomplished by a platform, pulled by a 10-12 horsepower, water cooled, diesel tractor of Czechoslovak manufacture. The loading of lumber from the dock to the hold of a ship is done with an electric winch-type crane, which has a 5-ton lifting capacity.
4. The loading of 400 cubic meters of lumber, to the ship, took six days, although normally it should take only two days. This delay was due to the lack of experienced dock workers. Because of the low pay, only inexperienced dock workers are available. Dock workers received only 12 leva per day, although they are told to inform arriving foreigners that they receive 40 leva for eight hours of work. 25X1
5. The Port of Burgas is unable to supply fuel to foreign ships. The short supply is used exclusively for small Bulgarian boats.
6. Two torpedo boats, of the ML type, were observed docked at the northern pier. These boats are used to train Navy boys (Sea Scouts), and are armed with a small machine gun in the bow and two antiaircraft guns on the bridge.
7. Next to the torpedo boats were two new 1000 horsepower tugboats.

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8. A floating barge was being repaired at the northern pier [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] when it was pulled by a tugboat, out of the port and in the direction 25X1
of the fortified island of Anastasia (N42-28, E27-33).
9. The following ships were observed in the Port of Burgas [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]
- a. Two Soviet steamships, which unloaded metal, for use in reinforced concrete, and water pipes, approximately six meters long and eight inches in diameter. These ships were loaded with, what was probably granite, that had been unloaded there by a [redacted] ship; 25X1
 - b. A Soviet ship with a capacity of approximately 7000 tons, which unloaded coal, four "caterpillar" tractors, and cases of various sizes, the contents of which are unknown. Since the cases were received by a Soviet woman in military clothing, and Soviet soldiers were observed boarding and leaving the ship, it is assumed that this material was for the Soviet personnel in Bulgaria;
 - c. The 400-ton [redacted] under the [redacted] unloaded ore and headed for Odessa, USSR; 25X1
 - d. The [redacted] tankers [redacted] (capacity 300 tons) [redacted] (capacity 500 tons) unloaded lumber [redacted] 25X1
These ships loaded cement [redacted] 25X1
 - e. The [redacted] ship [redacted] (300-ton capacity) unloaded [redacted] 25X1
olives and loaded cement [redacted]
 - f. Five [redacted] sailing ships, each 250-300 tons, loaded cement [redacted] 25X1
 - g. The [redacted] ship [redacted] (6000-ton capacity) loaded cottonseed 25X1
for an unknown destination; and
 - h. [redacted] 25X1
10. Personnel of Bulgarian Army units, as well as some military trucks were observed. The trucks were 3½ tons, [redacted] 25X1
These trucks were carrying meat, bread, and crates of various dimensions.
11. A Greek girl, about 22 years old, from Redestou (sic), Eastern Thrace and working at the Naval Agency, INFLOT, visited the [redacted] ship in connection with her work. She stated that Soviet soldiers, under the command of a Soviet General, circulate through the town in civilian clothing. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Pericles, 25X1
who also added that recently, a new Soviet unit came to Burgas.